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Gearhart man charged with sex abuse

Charge involves same youth who was an alleged victim in 1986 case, officials say

By SELINA DANKO
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GEARHART — A 37-year-old Gearhart man who was a central figure in a 1986 child sex-abuse investigation has been charged with first-degree sodomy. He is charged with engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with the same child the original investigation centered on, according to police reports.

Gary Moore, 37, 496 Summit St., is scheduled to appear in Clatsop County Circuit Court on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. for a pre-trial hearing, and a trial date has been tentatively set for October.

Moore was never charged with a crime in the 1986 investigation in which Seaside police and state Children's Services Division investigated allegations that Moore sexually molested a 6-year-old Clatsop County boy.

Moore appeared on a special KATU (2) "Town Hall" child sex abuse show in which he presented himself as a victim of child sex-abuse laws. Moore garnered the support of several fellow employees at Providence Seaside Hospital who signed pre-printed cards criticizing CSD's handling of the case. The cards were sent to then-state Rep. Tom Hanlon's office.

Moore is on a leave of absence from the hospital, where he works as a laboratory technician.

Police investigated the first incident after the child told a friend at school about the reported abuse that allegedly involved Moore touching the child in a sexual manner, according to police reports.

Moore said, according to the first report, that he did touch the child, but only to teach him about erections.

The new allegations involve the same child, now 13, for incidents allegedly occurring between July 1991 and July 1992.

Moore told a doctor at Providence Seaside Hospital in July about the alleged abuse after he attempted suicide, according to police reports. Moore later told Gearhart Police Chief Jeff Bowman that the alleged abuse had been going on since the spring of 1986, just before the completion of the initial investigation, according to a police report.

According to a police report on the suicide attempt, Moore told a doctor at the hospital he had tried to commit suicide because his wife had found out about the alleged abuse and was going to ask for a divorce.

Moore's wife had found out about the incident when the boy told a relative about the alleged abuse, a police report said.

Moore was described in the police report as being very upset and was crying as he told the doctor over the phone that he had swallowed 50 Extra Strength Tylenol capsules.

The doctor persuaded Moore to come in for treatment, according to the police report. Moore was then transferred to St. Vincent Hospital & Medical Center in Portland, where he was treated and released into police custody.

According to the police reports, the alleged incidents, involving touching and masturbation, occurred about two or three times a week, with the last incident occurring in Idaho in June.

In Brief

Radio Help an aid to kids

Youngsters heading back to school this fall have a network of "friends" along the North Coast — men and women who drive vehicles displaying the red and white Radio Help decal.

Radio Help is a communications program first introduced by Pacific Power in 1985 as a means of providing an instant link between the scene of a fire, accident or medical emergency, and agencies responsible for providing such services.

RADIO HELP
COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

It was also designed to let children know that the operator of the vehicle would use a two-way radio to call for help if they were lost, frightened, or otherwise felt threatened by a stranger.

Since its inception, Radio Help has expanded to include nearly 200 private companies, public agencies and other utilities throughout the western United States, all willing to offer communications in an emergency — be it major or minor.

"Radio Help is more than just a decal on the side of a truck or car," Pacific Power manager Anita Decker said. "It's a commitment to serve the public."

"We want everyone to know that Radio Help is there — but this time of year we especially want children to know that if they need help, they can turn to a person in a Radio Help vehicle," she added.

New Gray book now in stores

Astoria author Joean Fransen's book "Gray and Columbia's River" is now on sale at area stores.

The Columbia River Maritime Museum has copies, and soon it will be available at Parnassus Books, in Astoria, the author said.

Fransen chronicles the life and times of Capt. Robert Gray, the Boston sea captain who is believed to be the first Euro-American to enter the Columbia River. By crossing the Columbia bar on May 11, 1792, he opened a whole new area to commerce for the white man and claimed the whole river basin for the fledgling United States.

Fransen was the librarian at Astoria's Capt. Robert Gray Elementary School and was inspired to write the book because of her students' many questions about the man whose name the school bears.

The book was scheduled for release last May for the Columbia River Bicentennial celebration, for which Fransen organized many of the local events.

Published by Tabula Rasa Press in Seattle, the book's cover price is $14.50.

Public meetings

TODAY

Clatsop Care Center Board, 5 p.m., at the center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue, Astoria.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., Astoria City Council Chambers, 1095 Duane St., Astoria.

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Council Chambers.

WEDNESDAY

Arch Cape Advisory Committee, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Arch Cape Fire Hall.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, work session, conference room, courthouse, 749 Commercial St., Astoria. At 1:30 p.m., the commissioners will begin their regular meeting in the board room.

Astoria Library Board, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Astor Library Flag Room, 450 10th St., Astoria.

Wickiup Water District, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the district office in Svensen.

THURSDAY

Farmers Home Administration, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, board room, Clatsop County Courthouse, 749 Commercial St., Astoria.

FRIDAY

Farmers Home Administration, noon to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, board room, Clatsop County Courthouse, 749 Commercial St., Astoria.

MONDAY

Oregon State Marine Board, 1:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, Port of Astoria office, 1 Portway.

Clatsop County Fair Board, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria.

Youngs River-Lewis and Clark Water District, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the water office, 810 Highway 101, Astoria.

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Economic Development Council Tourism Committee, noon Tuesday, Sept. 15, West Lake Restaurant, 1480 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside.

Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission, 3:30 p.m Tuesday, Sept. 15, Astoria City Council Chambers, 1095 Duane St., Astoria.

The Daily Astorian — ROBIN LOZNAK

Seaside schools nurse Kathleen O'Leary speaks to teachers at Seaside Heights Elementary School last week as part of inservice training.

Inservice: School workers get their own education

Kids go to school to prepare for life.

School workers go to school to prepare for the kids.

Each year the people who work at schools usually spend the days before school's opening in "inservice" sessions getting ready for a new year.

Sometimes these sessions involve goal-setting, national trends or curriculum directions for the coming year.

Sometimes they're a little more mundane.

"If the kid just had pizza for lunch and he throws up, is there blood in that?" asked Seaside schools nurse Kathleen O'Leary of teachers gathered at Seaside Heights Elementary School.

O'Leary gave each school a presentation on new AIDS policies – any bodily fluid which may or may not have blood in it must now be treated as though it does, she said. She also gave school staff lists of kids with serious health problems – bee sting allergies, asthma, epilepsy.

The Seaside School District also held district-wide inservice at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, and had presentations from each school about happenings there.

The Astoria School District held an orientation session for new teachers in addition to its annual all-staff breakfast and welcome back meeting.

Columbia 5J School District supplemented its welcome-back goal-setting sessions with a presentation on sexual harassment policies by the Oregon Department of Education, and a video on national education goals.

Inservice can be as much a social bonding session as it is a goal setting session, admits Columbia 5J Superintendent Duane Scott.

"It's the one time of the year ... when we pull everybody together," said Scott. "It's also a chance to do some topical type of training to make sure everybody is aware of certain issues in education."

School: First day always a bit nuts

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dren's beside them, and volunteers were ready to take them to classrooms.

Orientation at Gray School was going "pretty steady" this morning, said principal Scott Lane.

Lane's school joined with Astor Elementary and Lewis and Clark School's elementary teachers in holding orientation sessions today before beginning classes Wednesday. Parents and students meet with teachers in small groups to get the message:

> *'Kids are confused about where they need to go, they've got the normal everyday jitters about meeting their new teachers. They're all real positive.'*
> — **Judy Layman**, Jewell School

"We are a team. By working together we can make a better start for our kids," explained Lane.

Even with the newest clothes and the healthiest breakfasts, however, the first day of school is always just a little bit crazy, said Jewell's Layman.

"It's just as confusing as always," she said. "Kids are confused about where they need to go, they've got the normal everyday jitters about meeting their new teachers. They're all real positive."

BULLETINS

Scouts Schedule Recruitment — A meeting for girls who attend Gray School and would like to join Girl Scouts is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at the school. Potential Girl Scouts must be accompanied by a parent. Leaders also are needed for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts groups. For more information, call Dawn Jenson at 325-3708. Recruitment nights for other schools in the area will be announced at a later date.

Free Blood Screenings — Free blood screenings for people at risk for hepatitis B and C will be held this month at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. The program is part of a national education campaign sponsored by the American Liver Foundation. The screenings are scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, Sept. 24 and Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 3 of the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center at OHSU. Parking will be available at meters next to the building. People at highest risk for the disease have had blood transfusions or hemodialysis or are health-care professionals and people who have abused intravenous drugs. Also at risk are people who have had multiple sex partners. For more information, call OHSU at 494-8231.

Fish Fry Planned — The annual Deep Sea Fishermen's Benefit Fund of the Lower Columbia River Fish Fry will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. All proceeds will go for the construction of the proposed Lighthouse Memorial Park on Northwest Warrenton Drive across from the Warrenton Post Office. The park will be dedicated to the local fishing industry.

Coast Guard crews busy over weekend

By CATHY PETERSON
Of The Daily Astorian

Disabled vessels and injured boaters kept U.S. Coast Guard crews from Air Station Astoria and Cape Disappointment (Wash.) on their toes during the Labor Day weekend.

An Air Station Astoria helicopter crew evacuated a Vancouver, Wash., man from a fishing vessel about 3:45 p.m. Saturday after the man reportedly severed his fingertip in the boat's machinery, Air Station spokesman Brad Boester said this morning.

The crew took William Niemeyer, 30, to the air station. From there he was brought to Columbia Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said this morning.

Niemeyer was on the Seattle fishing vessel Aleutian Speedwell, in the ocean about 20 miles off of mouth of the Columbia River.

On Sunday morning a Coast Guard helicopter crew took a 60-year-old Everett, Wash., man from a Seattle charter fishing vessel after the man complained of chest pains.

Gene Quibeck, who according to the Coast Guard report has a history of heart problems, was taken about 9 a.m. to Grays Harbor (Wash.) Hospital, where he was in fair condition, the report said. Quibeck was a passenger on the vessel Cheetah, which was a few miles off of Pacific Beach, Wash., at the time of the incident.

At about noon Sunday a helicopter crew evacuated a 36-year-old California man from a crude oil tanker after the crew member suffered a severe cut to his arm from a possible explosion in the engine room, Boester said.

Humberto Perez of San Pedro, Calif., was taken to Air Station Astoria from the tanker Keystone Canyon.

The tanker was about 100 miles off of the coast of Tillamook Head and heading to Portland, Boester said.

Perez was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital and then to Emanuel Hospital Hospital & Health Center in Portland, where he is in good condition, a spokeswoman said.

On Monday three boys returned several hours late from a clamming trip on the Willapa Bay near Long Island, Wash., after the 10-foot Zodiac boat they were riding in sunk, the report said.

The boys were reported overdue at 10 p.m. by a relative, Boester said. A sheriff patrol was about to search the area when the boys turned up about 11:15 p.m.

Matt Church and Casey Johnson of Ilwaco and Mike Cole of Seattle said the rubber boat had developed a hole and sank. They waded in the shallow water and mud flats to get to shore. Their ages were unavailable in the report.

Historical society adds music box to upcoming auction

A model car music box that plays "Somewhere My Love" when the spare tire is turned – with matching shot glasses and a decanter – will be up for grabs at the Clatsop County Historical Society auction Sept. 19.

More than 125 items have already been donated for "Sizzle '92" – but the society is still looking has is still accepting donation, said assistant director Darlene Felkins.

"We want this to be a really hot item auction," Felkins said. The auction will raise money for the society's Uppertown Firefighters Museum, in addition to the other museums and events the society sponsors. It will be held in the old Bumble Bee building at No. 10 Sixth St. on the Columbia River.

Felkins said an antique fire truck will be parked outside the building during the auction.

People have donated everything from silver-plated candleholders to a four-day fishing trip to a "bundle of cow manure delivered to your door," Felkins said.

For more information, call the society at 325-2203.

FFA event results

Winners of FFA events at the Clatsop County Fair recently included the following:

Master Showmanship Contest — Champion Heather Ficken; Reserve Champion Matt Hoien.

Advanced Tractor Driving Contest — Matt Hoien, Troy Engblom, Paul Lenz, Chris Johanson and Dirk Rohne, blue ribbons.

Beginning Tractor Driving Contest — Korey Olson, Craig Houston, Ryan Weaver, Michelle Holly and Matt Carlson, blue ribbons.

Small Construction, Sawhorses — Champion Jason Burley; Reserve Champions Chris Johanson, Matt Raihala and Matt Korf; Chris Campbell, Matt Hoien, Jason Colton and Matt Carlson, blue ribbons.

Small Construction, Watering Can — Jason Burley, blue ribbon.

Medium Construction, Cutting Table — Reserve Grand Champion and blue ribbon Troy Engblom.

Trailer Wagons — Grand Champion and blue ribbon, Kevin Pierce.

Eggs — Jason Burley and Amy Lenz, blue ribbons.

Garden Crops — Kelly Tomlinson, chives, broccoli, onions, snap and wax beans, Italian beans and cabbage, blue ribbons.

Bees and Honey — Kelly Tomlinson, honey frame and extracted honey, blue ribbons.

Fruits — Kelly Tomlinson, lemons and strawberries, blue ribbons.

Cut Flowers — Kelly Tomlinson, lily, cosmos, dahlia, gladiolus, rose, bachelor buttons, pansy, daisy, rudbeckia, marigold and mixed bouquet, blue ribbons.

— Grand Champion Matt Hoien, Reserve Grand Champion Troy Engblom; Chris Campbill, blue ribbon.

— Champion Cynthia Pfau.

Advanced Dairy Goat Showmanship — Grand Champion Jason Burley; Reserve Grand Champion John Campbell; Janae Burley, blue ribbon.

Breeding Dairy Goats — Blue ribbons, Does four years and over, Jason Burley; produce of doe, John Campbell and Jason Burley; dam and daughter, Jason Burley, John Campbell and Janae Burley; wether, John Campbell, Janae Burley and Jason Burley; dairy goat herd, Jason Burley and John Campbell; yearling not in milk, John Campbell, Jason Burley and Janae Burley; junior kid, junior reserve and blue ribbon, John Campbell, blue ribbon Jason Burley; senior kid, grand champion Chythia Pfau, reserve grand champion Jason Burley; two to four year does, grand champion Jason Burley, reserve grand champion John Campbell, blue ribbons Jason Burley, Janae Burley and John Campbell.

— Janae Burley, Matt Hoien and Meremy Hart, blue ribbons.

Advanced Swine Showmanship Class 2 — Reserve Grand Champion Dirk Rohne; John Campbell, Kevin Pierce and Korey Olson, blue ribbons.

Advanced Swine Showmanship, Class 3 — Emily Campbell, Jason Burley, Alida Engblom, Russ Tiedeman, Craig Houston, Frank Stuhr and Josh Lawson, blue ribbons.

Advanced Swine Showmanship, Class 4 — Reserve Grand Champion Chris Campbell; Michelle Tiedeman, Troy Engblom and Jack Miethe, blue ribbons.

— Grand Champion Ian Amanna; Elizabeth Adams, Travis BEedle and Jason Hickman, blue ribbons.

Beginning Swine Showmanship, Class 6 — Reserve Grand Champion Levi Holiday; Danny Milliken, Leona French and Josh Pound, blue ribbons.

Market Hogs Class 1 — Judy Nicholson, Dirk Rohne, Chris Campbell, Janae Burley, Elizabeth Adams, Travis BEedle, Matt Hoien and Frank Stuhr, blue ribbons; Class 2, Chris Aberle, Jack Miethe, Christy Casper, Bethany Boyd and Alida Engblom, blue ribbons.

On the record

SEASIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sunday, Aug. 30

THEFT REPORTED at the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 120 Oceanway. Police said someone took a purse containing Canadian currency and a wallet worth about $375.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

SUSPECTED THIEVES arrested after the alleged victim observed them breaking into the canopy of a truck and removing a sleeping bag, tripod, spotting scope, camping compass and three windbreakers, police said. Daniel R. Brown, 31, of 222 Third Ave., Seaside and Troy D. Gross, 18, of 28 Ave. G, Seaside, were arrested and charged with second-degree theft and criminal mischief. Both suspects were cited and released, according to police reports. They are to appear in Municipal Court on Sept. 16.

ASTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED at 5:19 p.m. by Medix Ambulance Service Inc. with a diabetic woman at 3591 Harrison Ave. Firefighters helped take the woman to the hospital.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at 8:23 p.m. at Eighth and Commercial streets. Nobody was hurt and firefighters' assistance was not needed.

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